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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Doeberitz Airfield

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 6 December 1954REFERENCES PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information.

1. The following observations were made at the Richthofen Kaserne in Doeberitz between 26 October and 3 November 1954:

No more personnel arrived at the barracks installation after the previously reported arrival of 900 recruits. On 26 October, the first group of 65 soldiers were discharged home. The personnel with their luggage left in three trucks, allegedly to Potsdam. Since 30 October, an additional 370 men were seen outside the barracks installation. As reported previously, this detail has been preparing for an inspection or parade for weeks. On 29 October, this detail made a final rehearsal in the barracks area. The personnel were lined up in a horse-shoe type arrangement. Ninety of the soldiers wore parade uniform and were armed with carbines, while the remaining personnel wore sports gear. A flag of blue and yellow beam-like stripes, presumably the regimental flag was seen in the center of this horse-shoe. On the front side of the horse-shoe 16 additional flags of various colors were seen. It was believed that these flags were those of the republics of the USSR. A high-ranking officer who arrived at the barracks installation in inspected the detail. It was learned from Colonel Ivenov (fnu) that the soldiers were to participate in a parade at Wuensdorf. On the morning of 30 October, the detail was no longer seen at Doeberitz. Aside from these preparations, instructions and manual training were held daily. Fifteen to 20 groups of 6 to 8 newly arrived recruits were daily seen drilling in the barracks yard. ¹ Four newly arrived trucks

 On 3 November, about 310 personnel were discharged home. The 370 personnel participating in the parade had not returned from Wuensdorf that day. ¹

2. No activities were observed at Doeberitz airfield. The small training aircraft were not seen. Since 27 October, no noise has been heard from the two test stands. Only the buildings just south of Hamburger Chaussee were lighted daily. An electrician said that lathes and other workshop equipment were located in these buildings.

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3. The NSKK Kaserne was apparently still occupied to capacity. It could not be determined whether other recruits than the 170 who were reported previously had arrived at the barracks installation or whether soldiers had been discharged. Only physical training was observed in the yard of the installation. Groups of 8 to 10 men were repeatedly seen marching from the barracks to the field.¹

4. Between 1000 and 1100 on 31 October, no aircraft were parked at the field. The doors of the hangars were closed. The field appeared to be unoccupied. Between 1600 and 1700 on 1 November, a twin-engine aircraft was parked in front of the hangar west of the flight control station. The BMW 45 D/F station had been removed from its previous location west of the Mustermark-Priort railroad line. No other radio installations were seen at the field. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with a submachine gun was posted on the watchtower in the northwestern corner of the field. Motor vehicle [] with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets proceeded from the direction of Dyrotz to the field.³

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5. The Richthofen Kaserne in Doeberitz appeared to be fully occupied. There was the usual traffic between the quartering buildings. About 80 unarmed soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets marched in the direction of Richthofen Kaserne on the footpath which joins Hamburger Chaussee between the airfield and Adler Kaserne. A sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and armed with a carbine was posted at the entrance to Richthofen Kaserne. Truck [] with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets proceeded from the barracks installation in the direction of Elstal.

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6. On 30 October, soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and air force insignia entered and left the barracks installations and quartering buildings west of Richthofen Kaserne. About 60 percent of the windows of the quartering buildings were seen lit at 1900.¹ Between 28 October and 5 November, trucks [] all of them with drivers and assistant drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were seen at the field and at the air force barracks installations.

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7. Between 0900 and 1200 on 30 October, truck [] was seen in front of Adler Kaserne and trucks [] and [] all of them with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, were seen at the field.²

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Comment. The exchange of personnel of the units stationed in the barracks installations at Doeberitz appears to be completed. According to available information, about 1,000 recruits arrived and about 850 soldiers were discharged home there. Truck [] was previously observed at Doeberitz.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Doeberitz airfield is not occupied by a flying unit. The PKV 45 D/F station had been erected at the field when a ground attack unit was stationed at the field during fall maneuvers. Motor vehicle [REDACTED] was previously observed in connection with the 12th GTD of the Second Army.

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